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TAGS: OREP (DIGGS, CHARLES C.)

SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS: COMMENTS ON OAU ANGOLA SUMMIT

1. DURING JANUARY 14 TRANSIT THROUGH CAIRO, REP DIGGS TOLD EMBOFF THAT PRESS, AND PARTICULARLY WESTERN PRESS, HAD EXAGGERATED FAILURE OF OAU ANGOLA SUMMIT AND, IN FACT, CONFERENCE NOT A FAILURE. REP DIGGS OPINED THAT, IN CASE OF SIMILAR TYPE CONFERNCE IN EUROPE, POSITIONS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND FINAL OUTCOME WOULD HAVE BEEN STAFFED OUT IN ADVANCE TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT OF INCONCLUSIVE OUTCOME, BUT THIS PROCEDURE STILL LONG WAY FROM PERFECTION IN AFRICA. REP DIGGS STATED THAT STAFF PREPARATORY WORK HAD BEEN INSUFFICIENT, AND REMARKED THAT NON-CHIEFS OF STATE HEADING NATIONAL DELEGATIONS UNFORUNATELY HAD LITTLE FREEDOM FOR MANEUVER WITHOUT LENGTHY CONSULTATIONS WITH THEIR CAPITALS. NEVERTHELESS, FREE AND FRANK EXCHANGES CONCERNING ANGOLAN ISSUE, AND FACT THAT DEBATE DID NOT DESTROY FRAMEWORK OF OAU, SEEN BY REP DIGGS AS POSITIVE OUTCOME. REP DIGGS STATED THAT, FOR SUMMIT TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SENSE THAT PRESS AND SOME WESTERN OBSERVERS WISHED, ADDIS ABABA CONFERENCE WOULD DOUBTLESS HAVE HAD TO BE IN SESSION APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS.

2. REP DIGGS THUS BELIEVED THAT PRESS AND WESTERN OBSERVERS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING NEGATIVE IMPRESSION CONCERNING OAU SUMMIT AS PRESS HAD RAISED EXPECTATIONS FOR DECISIVE OUTCOME FROM SUMMIT AT VERY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUTSET OF CONFERENCE. OF COURSE, REP DIGGS STATED,

VARIOUS PARTISAN GROUPS AT SUMMIT DISAPPOINTED THAT  
THEIR FACTION NOT VICTORIOUS, BUT THIS UNRELATED TO  
USEFUL DIALOGUE ACHIEVED DURING CONFERENCE.  
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